

ing. Without pause the French dashed forward from the captured position and gained possession of a field fort which had been in the hands of the Germans for three months.

At the same time the French infantry made its successful onslaught in Alsace, a flotilla of French gun aeroplanes bombarded the Sablonas railroad station at Metz, the Kaiser's great base position in Lorraine. A switching post in the Metz district was destroyed, and a number of bombs were exploded on and around the station.

English Holding Gains And French Win Ground; Serbians Falling Back

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The war situation is remaining in the Balkans today everywhere except in the Balkans.

The British, at the north of the western line, are holding their recent gains. The French are winning a little ground. Pierce German attacks are being repulsed everywhere.

All along the Russian front the German troops are being pushed back somewhat, although they continue to launch savage counter-attacks. In Galicia the Austrians are badly disorganized. After forcing the Russians backward to within twenty-five or thirty miles of the frontier, they themselves have been driven back. Their attempts to resume the offensive have failed.

Southward through Serbia, from the direction of Belgrade and Semendria, the Germans and Austrians, however, are pushing very slowly but steadily ahead, with enormous losses on both sides.

Nish, however, the Serbians have repulsed an attempt to capture the city. The invaders are driving the Serbians back in disorder and killing great numbers, but it is recognized that they are heavily outnumbered and cannot continue to fight indefinitely unaided. That aid is near, in adequate strength, there is no sign.

Dispatches from Rome assert that the Italian forces have taken the offensive against the Austrians and that fierce battles are raging along the entire Italy-Austrian front.

German Attacks Fail.

"The French have completely repulsed a new German attack in Bois Saiche, west of Soissons," announces the Paris war office.

"French fighting continued here and there south of the Somme. In the region of Lihons and Quenoy, however, are the Germans renewed their bombardment of our second line in Champagne."

"Bomb and grenade fighting occurred in the Argonne, north of Houyet and Vauquois."

"In the Vosges we recaptured the summit of Hartmannsweilerkopf, with the enemy's fortress and fifty prisoners."

"Our aviators bombed Sablonas station at Metz, where numerous explosions were noted, including the station itself and a train."

"The Belgians canonaded Nieuport, Dixmude, and Valenciennes, without attempting infantry attacks."

Positions Captured by English and French Are Recovered, Says Berlin

BERLIN (via Tuckerton wireless), Oct. 17.—"The Germans have reconquered the positions gained by the French and English in their great offensive," announces the war office, referring to the allies' recent drive in northern France and Belgium.

"The English," continues the statement, "were thrown from their positions northeast and east of Vermelles. The Saxons reconquered a position east of Aubervicq."

"An attack intended to improve our position on Hartmannsweilerkopf was successful."

"On the east front, von Hindenburg's army repulsed Russian attacks southwest and south of Duernau."

"At Minsk, where German aircraft bombed the railroad station while a big troop movement was going on, no explosions and an important fire were observed."

Italians Take Offensive Against Austrians; Hot Fighting on Entire Front

ROME, Oct. 17.—"At the bridgehead at Valdausa, in the Austro-Italian fighting zone, and in parts of the 'Carso,' we have taken the offensive against the Austrians," says an official statement.

Heavy fighting has been raging for three days on the entire Austro-Italian front. An Austrian retreat from the southern half of the Isonzo line was believed imminent.

Slavs Pressing Fierce Attacks in Russia and Galicia; Turks Repulsed

PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—Well supplied with ammunition again, the Russians are pressing a fierce offensive all along the German and Austrian lines in Russia and Galicia.

The Germans have replied with a series of violent counter-attacks in the Isonzo region with no effect except enormous losses of their own men.

The Russians have been completely along the Strypa river, and the Austrian attempt at a counter-offensive evidently has been definitely abandoned.

"AB Turkish attacks in the Caucasus and Black Sea region have failed," the war office announces.

"In the district of Vostan and on the south bank of Lake Van we are pursuing the hostile enemy along the border between the villages of Beles and Kizilirmak. They were not only defeated, but a majority were killed."

"The entire region west of Vostan has been cleared of them."

60c Laurel Races Until Oct. 30. 60c Special trains Baltimore and Ohio at 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. week-days—Adv.

DEATHS

(Too Late To Classify.)

ATWATER: On Saturday, October 16, 1915, suddenly of heart failure, ADA CORNING ATWATER.

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GREATER NAVY TO BE SECOND IN WORLD

England Alone Will Have More
Powerful Fleet When Plans
Are Matured.

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and authorized at the outbreak of the war, Germany had twenty. Great Britain had forty battleships of the second class; Germany had twenty. The United States has built, building and authorized, fifteen dreadnaughts of the modern type and twenty-two battleships of the second class.

This nation has no battle cruisers, while Great Britain and Germany had, respectively, ten and eight. The United States has built, building and authorized, six battle cruisers, as compared with a British fleet of ninety-nine and a German fleet of forty-five at the outbreak of the war.

It is estimated that \$500,000,000 must be spent on the United States navy within the next six years to bring that branch of the national defense up to a safety footing. This amount is exclusive of the appropriations for the upkeep of the navy, and will be expended on the building program alone.

For the present it is improbable that an attempt will be made to increase the regular army to more than 100,000 men. Eventually an army of 150,000 men may be obtained, but this is regarded as a long figure. Recruiting officers of the army are understood to believe that it will be practically impossible to obtain more than 100,000 men in this country who are willing to enter the army as a calling.

In connection with the Administration's plan for building up a "continental army" of trained citizens, much is to depend upon the patriotism of the American people—and particularly the American employer. As explained below, volunteer citizens must forsake their regular occupations for two months in each year, for three years, to train for war.

Appeal to Employers.

An appeal is to be made to employers—corporations and business men of all classes—to furnish their employees with leave to undergo this two-month training each year. The response to such an appeal is problematical.

In connection with the partially disclosed plans of the Administration for national defense, it is apparent today that a citizen reserve is the basis of the program for the army—the present expectation of the Administration being to recruit these citizen-soldiers at the rate of \$1200 per year.

Each citizen reservist is to be given two months' training during each year, or six months' training in three years. After the expiration of the three-year period, the citizen will be mustered out, but will be subject to call to the colors for an additional three years.

No Large Standing Army.

Meanwhile, as each quota of 120,000 men finishes out its term, an additional quota of 120,000 will be enlisted to replace the former.

That there will be no large standing army is shown by the fact that Chairman Hay, of the House Military Affairs Committee, has tentatively agreed to the Administration's program. Mr. Hay's position for years has been that with an adequate navy and an isolated position this country does not need a large and expensive standing army.

The best figures obtainable indicate that the strength of the army, now about 85,000 men, will not be increased to more than 120,000.

Much of the increase to be carried in the next army appropriation bill will be for the pay of the men added to the army and the "citizen reserve."

It is said authoritatively that although Chairman Hay is willing to support the Administration "reserve idea," he has frankly said that he fears the enlistments will not be as gratifying as expected by the Secretary of War.

The Defense Program.

Secretary Garrison, it is learned, estimated the annual cost of the new reserve at \$15,000,000. Mr. Hay believes it will approximate twice that amount, and will grow more expensive from year to year, as thousands of extra officers must be used to train the "citizen-soldiers."

So far as it has been worked out the high spots of the Administration's national defense program for the army, which is to have an appropriation next year of around \$10,000,000, is as follows:

The establishment of training camps to teach the rudiments of warfare to the 120,000 men expected annually to enlist with the reserve. Each citizen-soldier will receive six months' actual training during three years.

The addition to the aerial equipment of the army of at least twenty aeroplanes, and the purchase of the same and the discarding of old machines as soon as they cease to be up-to-date.

The purchase of armored motor vehicles.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia: Partly cloudy tonight, Monday fair; gentle northeast to east winds. Maryland: Partly cloudy tonight, Monday fair; gentle northeast to east winds.

Virginia: Cloudy tonight, Monday partly cloudy; gentle to moderate northeast winds.

Delaware: Fair tonight and Monday; gentle to moderate northeast to east winds.

New Jersey: Fair tonight and Monday; gentle to moderate northeast to east winds.

Pennsylvania: Fair tonight; Monday increasing cloudiness; gentle northeast to east winds.

Western Pennsylvania: Cloudy and warmer tonight; Monday local rains.

TEMPERATURES

U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER.

8 a. m. 40 9 a. m. 40 10 a. m. 40 11 a. m. 40 12 m. 40 1 p. m. 40 2 p. m. 40 3 p. m. 40 4 p. m. 40 5 p. m. 40 6 p. m. 40 7 p. m. 40 8 p. m. 40 9 p. m. 40 10 p. m. 40 11 p. m. 40 12 m. 40

High tide 3:04 a. m. and 3:40 p. m. Low tide 9:42 a. m. and 10:11 p. m.

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BIG ARTILLERY INCREASE.

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The laying in of vast supplies of reserve ammunition.

A standing army whose strength will be a compromise between the figures of the "small army" advocates, who are opposed to any increase, and the "big army" forces, who desire an army of 200,000 to 300,000 men.

Practically all the increased appropriation is to be apportioned among four branches of the service, the artillery, the ammunition supply, the expense of the "citizen reserve," and the added upkeep of a bigger regular army.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS END SESSION TONIGHT

Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, Assistant General Secretary, to Preach Closing Sermon.

Closing sessions of the Baltimore conference of the Epworth League M. E. Church South, which convened here Friday, will be held in Mt. Vernon Place church South tonight. The Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, assistant general secretary, preaching the final sermon.

Special Sunday school services were held this morning, following which the Rev. Dr. Edward K. Hardin delivered an instructive sermon on "The Appeal of Christ to the Youth of Today."

Hardin said the hope of the church rested in the young. He alluded to the uplifting influence and inspiration the life of Christ offered young men and women and urged them to bring themselves to an appreciation of the great joys within their grasp as a result of enlisting in the cause of Christianity.

This afternoon, the Rev. Dr. L. L. Blackmore will speak, after which the next meeting place will be selected. The Junior League also meets this afternoon under the presidency of Miss Stuart Anderson, the superintendent.

Miss Margaret Ramsey will lead the devotional services, and Lucile Harris, Annie Flynn, Dorothy Coe, Ruth Anderson, Kirby Hoge, Grace Bush, and others will participate.

The devotional service tonight will be led by W. W. Millan, and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Hartill and Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Shreve, will sing.

Officers were elected last night as follows: T. C. Thomas, Baltimore, president; E. Martin, Washington, vice president; Robert Manuel, Charleston, W. Va., treasurer; and H. M. Wilson, Mr. W. W. Millan, secretary. Miss Julie T. Luby, Washington, was selected agent for the Epworth League.

The convention was addressed last night by Rev. Mr. Culbreth. He said more emphasis should be laid on the education of the younger than older members of the church, and that "the fate of the Kingdom of God on earth depends on the education of the young people."

The league adopted a resolution pledging itself to fight the liquor evil by every honorable means.

Capital Police to Be Taught First Aid

Dr. Shields, Red Cross Expert, Will Deliver Series of Lectures at Different Precincts.

Major Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, returning from a ten days' vacation, mostly spent in inspecting the police systems of Philadelphia and New York, this afternoon arranged for a series of lectures designed to acquaint the Washington policemen with "first aid" measures.

Through the courtesy of the Red Cross Society, Dr. M. J. Shields, of that organization, known as the foremost first aid expert of the country, has been designated to undertake the work.

Tomorrow he will begin his series of lectures at the different precincts, which will extend over the next two weeks.

At the conclusion of that period, Major Pullman hopes that at least two men in each precinct will be sufficiently versed in first aid to carry on the work Dr. Shields will begin.

While in New York, Dr. Pullman had several conferences on police methods with Police Commissioner Arthur Woods and Inspector Faurot.

Entertainment Planned For Children Christmas

Arrangements for the Christmas entertainment for the children of the employees of the Potomac Electric Power and Washington Railway and Electric companies will be made at a luncheon at the Raleigh tomorrow afternoon, given by William L. Clarke to his assistants.

The entertainment will be given at the National Theater.

Seven Teachers in Family.

WORTHINGTON, Ind., Oct. 17.—Lewis Williams, a retired farmer, and his wife, who live in the southwest part of the town, have five daughters and two sons who are school teachers.

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BROWNE ATTACKS "HALF-AND-HALF"

Taxation Expert Declares It
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Calls It a Failure.

Attacking the half-and-half principle, Herbert J. Browne, taxation expert, who aided in framing the George report for the House District Committee two years ago, has prepared a brief to file with the Joint Congressional committee which will begin hearings next Wednesday on the controversy regarding the fiscal relations between the District and Federal Governments.

Mr. Browne says that a "properly adjusted tax rate and assessment," would produce all the revenue needed by the District government and render it independent of aid from the Federal Treasury. He reiterates his views that much Washington property is under-assessed and asserts that the existing half-and-half arrangement should be abrogated.

The views of Mr. Browne are at variance with those of the executive committee of the joint citizens' committee, which will file a brief Wednesday upholding the existing fiscal plan.

Says "Subsidy" Has Failed.

Mr. Browne says the land values of the District are approximately \$500,000,000, and should be assessed at that amount. He adds:

"A properly adjusted tax rate and assessment will produce an annual revenue of over \$12,000,000, which, with liquor licenses, will meet the requirements of a liberal budget, without recourse to the Federal Government for a dollar in aid."

He advocates the early readjustment of the entire taxation system of the District, this readjustment to include full value assessments each year and a reorganization of the Assessor's office. He says, however, that the benefit of the landholding minority in the National Capital, he adds:

"That the effect of the 'half-and-half' subsidy has been directly to increase the selling price of land, and thereby artificially to raise rents and other costs of living, especially to Government employees, wage-earners, and the poorer members of the community."

"That as the result of the incidence of benefit of the 'half-and-half' subsidy, land values of the District have, as a whole, in effect, entirely escaped taxation since 1878."

"Purpose of the Law Defied."

"That the taxation of improvements, on a comparatively high assessment of selling value or cost of construction, at the same rate as land values on a comparatively low assessment of 'selling value' has seriously discriminated against improvements in favor of land holding, thereby producing a double leverage against the proper development of building improvements."

"That the taxation of personality, or banking, and the imposition of a multitude of license taxes tends to make administration difficult and complicated and tends to increase the cost of living."

"That the administration of the assessor's office has been inefficient, and invariably and knowingly has defied the true intent and purpose of the law providing that real property shall be assessed at not less than two-thirds of its true value."

These Detectives 'Scent' Their Man

Arrest Athletic Instructor in Y. M. C. A. Through Bills "Marked" With Malodorous Acid.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Sherlock Holmes and most certainly Dr. Watson could learn something from Battelora and Patten, Brooklyn detectives.

After working out in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and almost running the police legs off while endeavoring to discover the person who was taking money from lockers, they held a conference. The two sleuths stood at the door of the gymnasium as the athletes filed out. Aloma came George S. Lewis, an assistant physical director, and all-around exemplary young man. Patten smiled him, then grabbed him. A roll of bills with a most awful smell, which the detectives proudly related they picked up, was in his pocket. The bills had been touched up with acid.

Woman Awakened by Husband's Fatal Fall

Awakened early today by the sound of a fall, Mrs. Robert H. Wright, of 157 Hickman street southeast, found her husband unconscious at the bottom of the basement steps. Two hours later the man died at Casualty Hospital.

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Girls, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2.....	\$2.45	Infants, sizes 6 to 8.....	\$1.35 to \$1.45

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For the men are all felt slippers at 95c; with leather soles at \$1.19. For the ladies are Felt Julietts with leather soles and heels, at 98c; and Kid Siesta Slippers at only 55c.

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